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MAR 27 2018

Reference: *The Protect Democracy Project v. ODNI*, 1:17-cv-01000-CKK; ODNI Case DF-2017-00283

Dear Mr. Berwick:

This is our final response to your letter dated May 22, 2017 (Enclosure 1) received in the Information Management Division (IMD) of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) on May 23, 2017.

Your request, as narrowed by the parties' Joint Status Report dated October 25, 2017, is being processed under the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552). In accordance with the Court's Order dated December 4, 2017, ODNI has processed all potentially responsive pages.

Enclosed you will find the final 108 pages of records responsive to this case (Enclosure 2). They are being released with redactions. The ODNI identified material requiring withholding pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions:

- (b)(3) applies to information exempt from disclosure by statute. Specifically, the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, 50 U.S.C. § 3024 (i)(1), which protects intelligence sources and methods, prohibits against disclosure of the redacted information; and 50 U.S.C. § 3024(m)(1), which protects, among other things, the names and identifying information of ODNI personnel.
- (b)(5) protects privileged interagency or Intra-Agency information that is pre-decisional and deliberative in nature.
- (b)(6) applies to information that, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of other individuals.

With this letter, you have now received all releasable records in response to your FOIA Request. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Anjali Motgi of the Department of Justice at (202) 305-0879.

Sincerely,



Sally A. Nicholson  
Chief FOIA  
Information Management Division

Enclosures

Enclosure 1

DF 2017-2028

MAY 23 2017



May 22, 2017

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Re: Freedom of Information Act request for communications regarding Russian interference with 2016 election

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, The Protect Democracy Project hereby requests that your office produce within 20 business days the following records (see below for clarity on the types of records sought):

- 1) All records, including but not limited to emails, notes, and memoranda, reflecting, discussing, or otherwise relating to communications between the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Executive Office of the President regarding contacts between individuals connected with the Russian government and individuals connected with the Trump campaign or the Trump administration and or Russian involvement with, or attempts to influence or interfere with, the national election of November 2016.
- 2) All records, including but not limited to emails, notes, and memoranda, reflecting, discussing, or otherwise relating to talking points or other communications with the public or the media regarding contacts between individuals connected with the Russian government and individuals connected with the Trump campaign or the Trump administration, and or Russian involvement with, or attempts to influence or interfere with, the national election of November 2016.
- 3) All records, including but not limited to emails, notes, and memoranda, reflecting, discussing, or otherwise relating to communications between the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) and or the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) and or Representative Devin Nunes, Representative Adam Schiff, Senator Richard Burr, Senator Mark Warner, and or any other members or staff of HPSCI

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or SSCI, regarding contacts between individuals connected with the Russian government and individuals connected with the Trump campaign or the Trump administration, and/or Russian involvement with, or attempts to influence or interfere with, the national election of November 2016.

- 4) All calendars, agendas, manifests, schedules, notes, lists of attendees, or other records reflecting or relating to meetings regarding contacts between individuals connected with the Russian government and individuals connected with the Trump campaign or the Trump administration, and/or Russian involvement with, or attempts to influence or interfere with, the national election of November 2016.
- 5) In addition to the records requested above, we also request records describing the processing of this request, including records sufficient to identify search terms used and locations and custodians searched, and any tracking sheets used to track the processing of this request. If your agency uses FOIA questionnaires or certifications completed by individual custodians or components to determine whether they possess responsive materials or to describe how they conducted searches, we also request any such records prepared in connection with the processing of this request.

The timeframe for this request is July 1, 2016 through the date that searches are conducted for records responsive to this FOIA request.

#### FEE WAIVER

FOIA provides that any fees associated with a request are waived if “disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). The core mission of The Protect Democracy Project, a new organization awaiting 501(c)(3) status, is to inform public understanding on operations and activities of the government. This request is submitted in consort with the organization’s mission to gather and disseminate information that is likely to contribute significantly to the public understanding of executive branch operations and activities. The Protect Democracy Project has no commercial interests.

In addition to satisfying the requirements for a waiver of fees associated with the search and processing of records, The Protect Democracy Project is entitled to a waiver of all fees except “reasonable standard charges for document duplication.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II). Federal law mandates that fees be limited to document duplication costs for any requester that qualifies as a representative of the news media. *Id.* The Protect Democracy Project operates in the tradition of 501(c)(3) good government organizations that qualify under FOIA as “news media organizations.” Like those organizations, the purpose of The Protect Democracy Project is to “gather information of potential interest to a segment of the public, use its editorial skills to turn the raw



materials into distinct work, and distribute that work to an audience.” *Nat’s Sec. Archive v. Dep’t of Defense*, 880 F.2d 1381, 1387 (D.C. Cir. 1989). We intend to give the public access to documents transmitted via FOIA on our website, [www.unitedtoprotectdemocracy.org](http://www.unitedtoprotectdemocracy.org), and to provide information about and analysis of those documents as appropriate.

### RESPONSIVE RECORDS

We ask that all types of records and all record systems be searched to discover records responsive to our request. We seek records in all media and formats. This includes, but is not limited to: agendas, manifests, calendars, schedules, notes, and any prepared documentation for meetings, calls, teleconferences, or other discussions responsive to our request; voicemails; e-mails; e-mail attachments; talking points; faxes; training documents and guides; tables of contents and contents of binders; documents pertaining to instruction and coordination of couriers; and any other materials. However, you need not produce press clippings and news articles that are unaccompanied by any commentary (e.g., an email forwarding a news article with no additional commentary in the email thread).

We ask that you search for records from all components of ODN! that may be reasonably likely to produce responsive results. We also ask that you search all systems of record, including electronic and paper, in use at your agency, as well as files or emails in the personal custody of your employees, such as personal email accounts, as required by FOIA and to the extent that they are reasonably likely to contain responsive records. The Protect Democracy Project would prefer records in electronic format, saved as PDF documents, and transmitted via email or CD-rom.

If you make a determination that any responsive record, or any segment within a record, is exempt from disclosure, we ask that you provide an index of those records at the time you transmit all other responsive records. In the index, please include a description of the record and the reason for exclusion with respect to each individual exempt record or exempt portion of a record, as provided by *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), cert. denied, 415 U.S. 977 (1974). When you deem a portion of a record exempt, we ask that the remainder of the record to be provided, as required by 5 U.S.C. § 552(b).

Given the 20-day statutory deadline, we hope to be as helpful as possible in clarifying or answering questions about our request. Please contact me at [FOIA@protectdemocracy.org](mailto:FOIA@protectdemocracy.org) or (202) 599-0466 if you require any additional information. We appreciate your cooperation, and look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Ben Berwick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names clearly legible.

Ben Berwick

Counsel

The Protect Democracy Project

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**From:** foia@protectdemocracy.org  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 11:54 PM  
**To:** FNI FOIA  
**Subject:** Freedom of Information Act Request  
**Attachments:** FOIA - ODNI.pdf

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please see the attached Freedom of Information Act request.

Sincerely,

Carl Lee McKay

The Protect Democracy Project

# Enclosure 2

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Copy here. Haven't been contacted by him.

From: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC [mailto:Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov]

Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 1:28 PM

To: 'DNI-Media'; 'Media'; (b)(3)

From: Michael G Birmingham <michael.birmingham@dni.gov>

Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 8:17 AM

To: Timothy L Barrett; Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC

Cc: DNI-Media; Stroh, Mark E. EOP/NSC

Subject:[AIN] RE: PPD28 Report

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Ned,

We're working with our civil liberties office on a plan. (b)(5)





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Best, Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: Timothy L Barrett

Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 8:13 AM

To: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC <Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov>

Cc: DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>; Stroh, Mark E. EOP/NSC <Mark\_E\_Stroh@nsc.eop.gov>

Subject: Re: PPD28 Report

We won't be able to address this until next Tuesday when we will get back to you with a plan.

Sent from Email+ managed by MobileIron

On Jan 6, 2017 8:04:28 AM, "Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC" <Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov> wrote:

Circling back to this. Could you let me know what your plans are for these two rollouts?

> On Jan 4, 2017, at 1:13 PM, Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC <Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov> wrote:

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> Thanks very much for this, Tim.

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> Could I ask how this rollout would intersect--or not--with the raw SIGINT rollout? Do you plan to do both of these together? And could we see the rollout plans for both when you have them?

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> Would welcome your thoughts on rollout.  
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> Ned  
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From: Michael G Birmingham <michael.birmingham@dni.gov>

Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 5:01 PM

To: DNI-Media

Subject:[AIN] FW: Question

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To: Timothy L Barrett <Tim.Barrett@dni.gov>

Cc: DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>; Media <Media@ucia.gov>; Stroh, Mark E. EOP/NSC <Mark\_E\_Stroh@nsc.eop.gov>

Subject: Re: Report Release

Hi all, any update as to what the DNI will say?

> On Jan 4, 2017, at 6:13 PM, Timothy L Barrett <Tim.Barrett@dni.gov> wrote:

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> Thanks, Ned; I've passed this info to our teams and will follow up. tlb

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC [mailto:Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov]

> Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 6:09 PM

> To: Timothy L Barrett <Tim.Barrett@dni.gov>; DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>

> Cc: Media <Media@ucia.gov>; Stroh, Mark E. EOP/NSC <Mark\_E\_Stroh@nsc.eop.gov>

> Subject: RE: Report Release

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> Thanks, Tim. We do think it would be helpful if Director Clapper noted tomorrow that (b)(5)

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Timothy L Barrett [mailto:Tim.Barrett@dni.gov]

> Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 6:02 PM

> To: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC <Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov>; DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>

> Cc: Media <Media@ucia.gov>; Stroh, Mark E. EOP/NSC <Mark\_E\_Stroh@nsc.eop.gov>

> Subject: RE: Report Release

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> Hi Ned,

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC [mailto:Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov]

> Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 5:31 PM

> To: DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>

> Cc: Media <Media@ucia.gov>; Stroh, Mark E. EOP/NSC <Mark\_E\_Stroh@nsc.eop.gov>

> Subject: Report Release

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> Could you guys let us know what you're saying / will be saying about the timing of the report? For example, will you be confirming when the report has been briefed to the WH? And what will the DNI say on the Hill tomorrow on this score?

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> Thanks!

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entrusted Admiral Rogers with “ensuring” that Moscow would not be able to tamper in any way with the election itself.

· Further, he has heard that Director Comey during an October 3 PC was in support of the attribution statement, only to express “cold feet” during an October 5 PC. According to Massimo, Comey ultimately signed off on the statement but expressed reservations about potentially doing Moscow’s work for it in the act of releasing the statement.

Anyone else heard from him or plan to engage?

From: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC <Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 8:32 PM

To: Timothy L Barrett

Cc: DNI-Media; Stroh, Mark E. EOP/NSC

Subject:[AIN] RE: PEOTUS Tweet

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Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump 4m4 minutes ago

The "Intelligence" briefing on so-called "Russian hacking" was delayed until Friday, perhaps more time needed to build a case. Very strange!

From: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC <Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov>

Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 12:29 PM

To: 'DNI-Media'; (b) (6)



Cc: Stroh, Mark E. EOP/NSC

Subject:[AIN] Forthcoming WP Story on Russia / PEOTUS

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All,

I just received a call from the Washington Post's Adam Entous--who, as you may recall, was the first to write on the purported CIA assessment regarding Russia's motivations--about a story he plans to file as soon as tomorrow.

The Post is prepared to report that U.S. intelligence agencies since November 8 have intercepted internal Russian communications in which Russians are overheard "celebrating" the electoral victory of the President-Elect. Subsequent intercepts allegedly reveal Moscow expressing pleasure at various Cabinet selections, whose names are minimized in the intelligence reporting given that they are U.S. persons. The story will go on to report that Putin himself viewed a potential Clinton presidency as a threat to the Russian Federation, whereas he considered a Trump Administration to be a considerable win.

Beyond expressing pleasure with the outcome and Cabinet selections, however, the intercepts also contain a "congratulatory" tone, as Russian officials appear to take some credit for the President-Elect's victory. In Entous' words, the communications have the feel of these officials patting each other on the back for a "job well done." This information will be sourced to "U.S. officials."

Finally, the piece will note that the DNI-produced report could be ready for presentation to policymakers as soon as early next month.

The precise timing of the piece remains unclear, but the earliest this would post would be tomorrow. To state the obvious, we will not be commenting.

Ned

From: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC <Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov>

Sent: Friday, December 16, 2016 1:17 PM

To: Timothy L Barrett

Cc: DNI-Media

Subject:[AIN] RE: Timing of Statement - Touching Base w/ Ned

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On second thought, we'd ask that you (b)(5)



-----Original Message-----

From: Timothy L Barrett [mailto:Tim.Barrett@dni.gov]

Sent: Friday, December 16, 2016 12:51 PM

To: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC <Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov>

Cc: DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>

Subject: RE: Timing of Statement - Touching Base w/ Ned

Thanks, Ned. Latest is below. (b)(5)



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-----Original Message-----

From: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC [mailto:Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov]

Sent: Friday, December 16, 2016 12:38 PM

To: Timothy L Barrett <Tim.Barrett@dni.gov>

Cc: DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>

Subject: Re: Timing of Statement - Touching Base w/ Ned

Checking quickly but think we'll want this out before 2pm. Can you send me the Dina on this system?

On Dec 16, 2016, at 12:34 PM, Timothy L Barrett <Tim.Barrett@dni.gov<mailto:Tim.Barrett@dni.gov>> wrote:

Hey Ned,

Just tried your secure line. Pretty sure you're fully looped in. Do you have a preference on timing of our statement? tlb

Timothy L. Barrett

Chief of Media Relations, Public Affairs Office Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)

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[www.dni.gov](http://www.dni.gov)<<http://www.dni.gov>/>

<http://icontherecord.tumblr.com/>

[russia-putin-wikileaks-poll-finds/?utm\\_term=.40f0493f9da4](#)> Republican voters view Putin much more favorably now than they did before the 2016 presidential election.

"This is somebody, the former head of the KGB, who is responsible for crushing democracy in Russia, muzzling the press, throwing political dissidents in jail, countering American efforts to expand freedom at every turn, is currently making decisions that's leading to a slaughter in Syria. And a big chunk of the Republican Party, which prided itself during the Reagan era and for decades that followed as being the bulwark against Russian influence, now suddenly is embracing him."

NPR reached out to the Trump transition team for comment, but did not immediately receive a response.

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- \* privacy<<http://www.npr.org/about-npr/179878450/privacy-policy>>
- \* text-only<<http://thin.npr.org/>>

From: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC <Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov>

Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 8:20 PM

To: Media; DNI-Media; (b) (6)

Cc: Stroh, Mark E. EOP/NSC

Subject:[AIN] FW: Interview of the President by Steve Inskeep, NPR

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All,

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Per the latest from NPR, they will run a story tonight on the President's statement that a response to Russia would be forthcoming. I expect much of the other Russia-related material will air tomorrow.

Most of the interview was domestic-focused, and that material will air over the next 10 or so days.

Ned

Q Did the Russian hack of the Democratic National Committee and other targets actually affect the results of the election in your view?

THE PRESIDENT: There's no doubt that it contributed to an atmosphere in which the only focus for weeks at a time, months at a time were Hillary's emails, the Clinton Foundation, political gossip surrounding the DNC. And that whole swirl that ended up dominating the news meant that, number one, issues weren't talked about a lot in the coverage. Huge policy differences were not debated and vetted.

It also meant that what I think would have been a big advantage for Hillary objectively -- her experience, her knowledge, her outstanding reputation around the world as Secretary of State -- all that stuff got lost. And I think in that scrum, in that swirl, Donald Trump and his celebrity and his ability to garner attention and obviously tap into a lot of the anxieties and fears that some voters have I think definitely made a difference.

Now, how you would --

Q Would you say the election could have turned out differently?  
That's what I want to know.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, elections can always turn out differently. You never know which factors are going to make a difference. But I have no doubt that it had some impact just based on the coverage. And by the way, I'm talking about mainstream news coverage -- I'm not talking about a whole separate set of issues around fake news. I'm talking about what was in the New York Times and the Washington Post and on the nightly news and even on NPR. And it meant that the field where I think Hillary's shone -- the field of substance and talking about how we're actually going to increase people's wages and how we're going to provide health care coverage to people and how we're going to deal with major issues like climate change -- that wasn't the field in which the campaign was ultimately decided.

Q Was that the media's fault for focusing on the wrong things or the candidate's fault for not finding ways to get her message through?

THE PRESIDENT: Steve, I'd say that Monday-morning quarterbacking is always easy to do. And what I've said already publically and I'll repeat, there is something about our current political ecosystem -- and we're all a part of it -- the parties, the candidates, the media, the voters -- that leads us to avoid going deep into the issues that are really going to affect people's day-to-day lives, that put a premium on what here in the White House we call the shiny object -- the faux scandals, the trumped-up controversies, the insults that are flung back and forth -- so that it ends up being covered like a reality show or, at best, a sporting event. And we lose track of the fact that this has an impact on some family that's trying to send their kids to

college or some veteran who is trying to get their benefits or whether or not some of our young people get sent to a faraway land to fight a war.

And if we don't do some hard reflection -- all of us -- on how that happens, then we're like a body that is already weakened and then becomes more vulnerable to foreign viruses, becomes more vulnerable to manipulation and demagoguery. And that's something that I'm also going to be thinking a lot about in my afterlife, my post-presidency.

Q You talked about this with the comedian Trevor Noah the other day, and you said a number of things in a row. You observed that there had been contacts between members of Mr. Trump's staff and Russian officials. You noted that Trump benefitted from the hacks. Your spokesman, Josh Earnest, has gone on to say this week that it's obvious that Trump knew what was going on. To what extent are you suggesting some kind of cooperation between the President-elect and Russian officials here?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I'm not suggesting cooperation at all. Keep in mind that those statements were in the context of everyone now acting surprised by the CIA assessment that this was done purposely to improve Trump's chances. And my only point was, that shouldn't be treated as a blockbuster because that was the worst-kept secret in this town. Everybody understood that. It was reported on.

Steve, if you go back and look at your stories, if you read any mainstream publication, you would see that if you have a hack of the DNC and a hack of Hillary Clinton's most senior advisor's emails, and those things are then released in drip, drip, drip fashion over the course of months, and that seemed to generate consistently negative coverage -- despite the fact that there's nothing in there that's particularly controversial; that it's mostly, as I said, political gossip or routine emails between folks who are working in a campaign environment -- then it's a pretty clear inference that people would draw and did draw that this was helping the Trump campaign and it was hurting the Hillary campaign.

That doesn't mean that the Trump campaign was coordinating. It just means that they understood what everybody else understood, which was that this was not good for Hillary Clinton's campaign. And when you combined that with the fact that the President-elect has been very honest about his admiration for Putin and that he hopes to forge a more cooperative relationship with him and focus on the threat of Islamic terrorism, then my only point was, we shouldn't now suddenly act as if this is a huge revelation.

In October, we said -- after being very careful about it because we had no interest in appearing as if we were putting our thumbs on the scales -- we did what was almost unprecedented, which was every intelligence agency in the

federal government arrived at a consensus that the Russians had hacked the DNC and the information that was now being released was as a consequence of a decision by Russian intelligence and Russian officials at the highest levels.

So what the CIA is now assessing, which was it was done purposefully to tilt the election in another -- in the direction of a particular candidate, shouldn't be a surprise to anybody and, in fact, isn't a surprise to anybody. And as I said before, the issue now is not re-litigating the election; the issue now is for us to learn lessons so that we don't have an ongoing situation in every election cycle where you have substantial foreign influence in our campaigns.

Q There's another issue going forward. Is it necessary for the security of the United States that Russia pay some price for doing this? If, as they said -- after you said they did it?

THE PRESIDENT: I think there is no doubt that when any foreign government tries to impact the integrity of our elections that we need to take action, and we will at a time and place of our own choosing. Some of it may be explicit and publicized -- some of it may not be. But Mr. Putin is well aware of my feelings about this, because I spoke to him directly about it.



And there is a -- among the big powers, there has been a traditional understanding that everybody is trying to gather intelligence on everybody else. It's no secret that Russian intelligence officers or Chinese or, for that matter, Israeli or British or other intelligence agencies, that their job is to get insight into the workings of other countries that they're not reading in the newspapers every day. There's a difference between that and the kind of malicious cyberattacks that steal trade secrets or engage in industrial espionage -- something that we've seen the Chinese do. And there's a difference between that and activating intelligence in a way that's designed to influence elections.

So we have been working hard to make sure that what we do is proportional, that what we do is meaningful. One of the things that we're going to have to do over the next decade is to ultimately arrive at some rules of what is a new game. And that is the way in which traditional propaganda and traditional covert influence efforts are being turbocharged by the Internet and by the cyber world.

And so the whole issue of cybersecurity and how we play defense, how we think about offense, and how we avoid an escalation of a major cyber war or a cyber arms race is something that some of our smartest folks in government and in the private sector are spending a lot of time thinking about. Because there is an asymmetry here. We are more digitalized. Our economy is more advanced. It's much wealthier. And it means that we have certain vulnerabilities that

some of our adversaries don't have.

And this is actually a good example of where, in addition to whatever actions that we take bilaterally against Russia, we've got to spend some time working at an international level to start instituting some norms -- the same way we did with things like nuclear weapons. Because ultimately, we can have a situation where everybody is worse off.

That's what we did with China when we were seeing repeated hacking, primarily for industrial espionage purposes, commercial purposes. They were stealing technology and ideas. And I had a very blunt conversation with President Xi, saying, if you don't stop it, here is what we're going to do. But what we also did was we mobilized the G20 and the G7 and the United Nations to start adopting basic rules saying this is not something you do. And that can make a difference over time.

Q If whatever response you take is not completed by January 20th, do you have any reason to have confidence that President Trump will continue it?

THE PRESIDENT: My view is that this is not a partisan issue. And part of what we should be doing is to try to take it out of election season and move it into governing season. The irony of all this, of course, is, is that for most of my presidency, there's been a pretty sizable wing of the Republican Party

that has consistently criticized me for not being tough enough on Russia. Some of those folks during the campaign endorsed Donald Trump, despite the fact that a central tenet of his foreign policy was we shouldn't be so tough on Russia.

And that kind of inconsistency I think makes it appear at least that their particular position on Russia on any given day depends on what's politically expedient. There was a poll that came out a couple of days ago that said that 37 percent of Republicans have a favorable view of Vladimir Putin. Now, think about that. Over a third of Republican voters think Putin is a good guy. This is somebody -- the former head of the KGB who is responsible for crushing democracy in Russia, muzzling the press, throwing political dissidents in jail, countering American efforts to expand freedom at every turn. He is currently making decisions that's leading to a slaughter in Syria. And a big chunk of the Republican Party, which prided itself during the Reagan era and for decades that followed as being the bulwark against Russian influence, now suddenly is embracing it.

And my point here is, is that it's very important that we do not let the inter-family argument between Americans, the domestic political differences between Democrats and Republicans, obscure the need for us to stand together, figure out what it is that the Russians are interested in doing in terms of influencing our democratic process and inoculating ourselves from it. And that requires us having a clear-eyed view about it. It requires us not to re-litigate the election. It requires us not to point fingers. It requires us to just say, here's what happened, let's be honest about it, and let's not use

it as a political football, but let's figure out how we prevent this from happening in the future. Because it's not just going to be Russia.

Q It sounds like you hope any response would continue after January 20, but do you have any reason to know that it would?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I can't look into my crystal ball, and that's probably a question better directed at the President-elect. I can say that I've had a conversation with the President-elect about our foreign policy generally and the importance of us making sure that in how we approach intelligence-gathering, in how we think about fighting terrorism and keeping the country secure, and how we think about our relationship to multilateral organizations, that we recognize America's exceptionalism, our indispensability in the world in part draws from our values and our ideals, and the fact that even our adversaries generally respect our adherence to rule of law, our transparency, our openness.

And if we start losing that, if other countries start seeing that, oh, America doesn't care about these issues, or it's just a "might makes right" environment, and we're not speaking out on behalf of our values and demonstrating our values, then America is going to be significantly weakened.

\* "The PRESIDENT White House has ordered a full Intelligence Community review of FOREIGN EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE malicious cyber activity related to the Presidential election cycle - BOTH IN 2016 AND PREVIOUS ELECTION CYCLES. Once that review is completed, the Intelligence Community stands ready to brief oversight committees on the findings."

-----Original Message-----

From: Timothy L Barrett [mailto:Tim.Barrett@dni.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 7:44 PM

To: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC <Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov>

Cc: (b)(3) Media <Media@ucia.gov>; DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>

Subject: RE: Chairman Nunes Statement - IC / Russia / hacking

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We are clearing the statement (b)(5) drafted below thru lawyers and leg now

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On Dec 14, 2016 7:39:38 PM, "Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC" <Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov> wrote:

Will come back to you soonest. But agree a DNI response would be the most effective.

-----Original Message-----





From: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC <Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 8:27 PM

To: Timothy L Barrett; Bradley A Brooker

Cc: (b)(3) Media; DNI-Media; Deirdre M Walsh; DNI-OLA-FO; Stroh, Mark E. EOP/NSC

Subject:[AIN] RE: Chairman Nunes Statement - IC / Russia / hacking

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THANKS!

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 5:09 PM

To: (b)(3)

Media@ucia.gov <'Media@ucia.gov'; DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>

Cc: (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Subject: FW: Statement to FOX?

Folks,

We did not provide a statement addressing the criticism. Here's what we gave FOX:

"The FBI will continue to work with the congressional oversight committees on their requests."

Best regards,

(b) (6)

FBI National Press Office

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(3)

Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 4:53 PM

To: (b)(3) (b)(6)

@ODNlgov<<https://twitter.com/ODNlgov>>

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From: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC <Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov>

Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 9:02 PM

To: Media@ucia.gov; 'DNI-Media'; (b) (6) Stroh, Mark E.  
EOP/NSC

Subject:[AIN] Fwd: NPR: Obama On Russian Hacking: 'We Need To Take Action. And We Will'


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From: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC <Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2016 5:02 PM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: DNI-media@dni.gov; (b) (6) Woog, Carlin R. EOP/NSC;  
brian.hale@dni.gov; Stroh, Mark E. EOP/NSC

Subject:[AIN] Re:

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That's fine. We're going to confirm receipt but then (b)(5)

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On Jul 27, 2016, at 12:22 PM, (b)(6)

(b) (6)

wrote:

Hi Ned,

We have received several inquiries on this - if there are no objections, we will be referring all reporters to the White House.

Thank you,

(b) (6)

Public Affairs Specialist

National Press Office

FBI Office of Public Affairs

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC [mailto:Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2016 2:40 PM

To: Spencer Ackerman

Cc: Woog, Carlin R. EOP/NSC; Stroh, Mark E. EOP/NSC; Brian P. Hale; DNI Press (DNI-media@dni.gov<mailto:DNI-media@dni.gov>); (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Subject: Re: Query from the Guardian re Feinstein/Schiff DNC hack declassification request

We'll come back to you, Spencer.



completed in the coming weeks, the Intelligence Community stands ready to brief Congress on the findings.

-----Original Message-----

From: Timothy L Barrett [mailto:Tim.Barrett@dni.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 8:26 PM

To: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC <Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov>; Bradley A Brooker <bradley.brooker@dni.gov>

Cc: (b)(3) Media <Media@ucia.gov>; DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>; Deirdre M Walsh <deirdre.walsh@dni.gov>; DNI-OLA-FO <DNI-OLA-FO@dni.gov>; Stroh, Mark E. EOP/NSC <Mark\_E\_Stroh@nsc.eop.gov>

Subject: RE: Chairman Nunes Statement - IC / Russia / hacking

Great. Let's just add "in the coming weeks:"

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From: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC [mailto:Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 8:23 PM

To: Timothy L Barrett <Tim.Barrett@dni.gov>; Bradley A Brooker <bradley.brooker@dni.gov>



Cc: (b)(3) Media <Media@ucia.gov>; DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>;  
Deirdre M Walsh <deirdre.walsh@dni.gov>; DNI-OLA-FO <DNI-OLA-FO@dni.gov>; Stroh, Mark E.  
EOP/NSC <Mark\_E\_Stroh@nsc.eop.gov>

Subject: RE: Chairman Nunes Statement - IC / Russia / hacking

Clean version below with latest:

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From: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 8:13 PM

To: 'Timothy L Barrett' <Tim.Barrett@dni.gov>; Bradley A Brooker <bradley.brooker@dni.gov>

Cc: (b)(3) Media <Media@ucia.gov>; DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>;  
Deirdre M Walsh <deirdre.walsh@dni.gov>; DNI-OLA-FO <DNI-OLA-FO@dni.gov>; Stroh, Mark E.  
EOP/NSC <Mark\_E\_Stroh@nsc.eop.gov>

Subject: RE: Chairman Nunes Statement - IC / Russia / hacking

Would propose this clean version:

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-----Original Message-----

From: Timothy L Barrett [mailto:Tim.Barrett@dni.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 8:10 PM

To: Bradley A Brooker <bradley.brooker@dni.gov>

Cc: Price, Ned C. EOP/NSC <Edward\_C\_Price@nsc.eop.gov>; (b)(3) Media  
<Media@ucia.gov>; DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>; Deirdre M Walsh <dci@dnimail.dni.gov>;  
DNI-OLA-FO <DNI-OLA-FO@dni.gov>

Subject: RE: Chairman Nunes Statement - IC / Russia / hacking

Yes POTUS directed to be done by end of administration, so we could easily insert that.

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On Dec 14, 2016 8:08:14 PM, Bradley A Brooker <bradley.brooker@dni.gov> wrote:

E/A for the Principal Deputy DNI

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<mailto:(b)(3)> (b)(3) | <mailto:(b)(3)>  
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From: Brian P. Hale-DNI-

Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 16:58

To: (b)(3) (b)(3);  
(b)(3)  
(b)(3)

Cc: Michael P. Dempsey-DNI- (b)(3); Deirdre M. Walsh-DNI- (b)(3)  
Robert Litt-DNI- (b)(3); (b)(3); (b)(3)  
(b)(3) Timothy L. Barrett-DNI- (b)(3)

Subject: FW: For Brian -- Russian hack reconstruction

Importance: High

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Folks:

Sharing this update on a piece Scott Shane and David Sanger are writing about the IC assessment of Russian cyber activity linked to the US elections (hack and leak of the DCCC/DNC/Podesta emails).

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Do you have any additional thoughts or concerns?

Thanks.

Brian

From: Timothy L Barrett [mailto:Tim.Barrett@dni.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 4:31 PM

To: Brian P. Hale <brian.hale@dni.gov <mailto:brian.hale@dni.gov> >

Subject: [AIN] For Brian -- Russian hack reconstruction

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Notes from conversation with Scott:

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My proposed off-record guidance:

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My background response about the “why,” what was driving our Oct 7 statement,  
clipped from cleared Q/A:

àThe IC has high confidence in its attribution of the intrusions into the DNC



and DCCC, based on the forensic evidence identified by a private cyber-firm and the IC's own review and understanding of cyber activities by the Russian Government.

àThe IC independently observed technical activity that is consistent with the forensic evidence identified by a private cyber-firm and is consistent with our general understanding of cyber activities by the Russian Government.

From: Timothy L Barrett

Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 4:19 PM

To: Timothy L Barrett

Subject: FW: Help with a Russian hack reconstruction


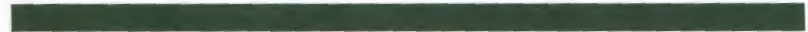

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President Obama has stressed that this activity is unacceptable and falls outside of the bounds of acceptable state behavior. The technical information we are releasing today is designed to (b)(5)




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From: Melleby, Daniel E. [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 2:30 PM

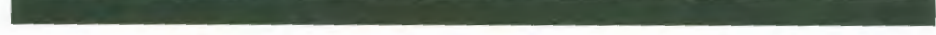
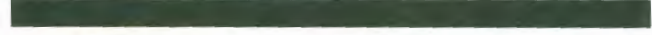


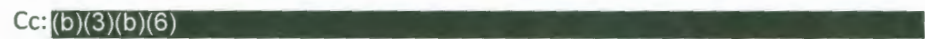
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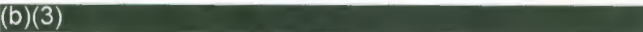


From: (b)(3)



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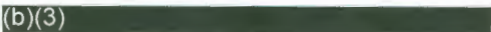
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From: (b)(3)

Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 9:20 AM

To: Melleby Daniel EOP USA GOV <(b) (6)>

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(b) and I agree with you Dan. The Press shop's language is (b)(5)

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From: Brian P. Hale-DNI-

Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 9:42 AM

To: Deirdre M. Walsh-DNI- <(b)(3)>

Subject: FW: (U) Draft messaging language inputs [~~TOP SECRET~~, Record]

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From: Sellitto, Michael P. [mailto:(b)(6)]

Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 4:51 PM

To: (b)(3)

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Please take a look at my revisions and let me know what you think.

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Mike

From (b)(3)


Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 4:39 PM

To: (b)(3)

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NSC - we'd reiterate a comment that didn't make it through here. (b)

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From: Melleby, Daniel E. [mailto:D(b)(6)]

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 4:33 PM

To: (b)(3)

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Cc: (b)(3)

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Subject: RE: (U) Draft messaging language inputs [TOP SECRET, Record]

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So, our press folks recommended switching this language:

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To this language:

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From: (b)(3)

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 3:48 PM

To: Melleby, Daniel E.; (b)(3)(b)(6)

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Cc: (b)(3)(b)(6)

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From: Melleby, Daniel E. [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 11:48 AM

To: (b)(3)

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Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 4:33 PM

To: (b)(3)

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From: Melleby, Daniel E. [mailto:(b) (6)]

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To: (b)(3)

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(Sorry, forgot attach for new people on here)

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Do we need any language prepared on how we're (b)(5)

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From: (b)(3) -

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 10:42 AM

To: Melleby Daniel EOP USA GOV <(b)(6)>

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Subject: RE: (U) Draft messaging language inputs [TOP SECRET, Record]

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To: Melleby, Daniel E.; (b) (6)

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Hi Daniel,

A few comments in the attached on the Russian intentions section. Please keep us in the loop as the draft evolves.

Thanks,

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From: Melleby, Daniel E. [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 10:18 AM

To: (b)(3)

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Can you send the current version for our awareness and to make sure we're working on the same page?

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From: Melleby, Daniel E. [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 10:12 AM

To: (b)(3)

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From: (b)(3) ]

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 8:22 AM

To: Melleby, Daniel E.; (b)(3)

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Dan, can you give me a ring this morning so I'm clear on what we have, what we need, etc? (b)(5)

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Ready to help today however I can.

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From: (b)(3)

Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 6:31 PM

To: (b)(3)

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From: (b)(3)

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 3:48 PM

To: Melleby, Daniel E.; (b)(3)(b)(6)

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From: (b)(3)

Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 3:07 PM

To: Melleby Daniel EOP USA GOV (b) (6)

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Subject: RE: (U) Draft messaging language inputs [TOP SECRET, Record]

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From: Brian P. Hale-DNI-

Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 3:14 PM

To: (b)(3)(b)(6)

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Subject: RE: (U) RE: First Draft - Executive Brief [SECRET, Record]

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Got it.

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From: Stroh, Mark E. [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 3:09 PM

To: Brian P. Hale-DNI- (b)(3) Timothy L. Barrett-DNI-

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Subject: RE: (U) RE: First Draft - Executive Brief [~~SECRET~~, Record]

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Brian,

That version reflects a bunch of edits that just came in via policy channels.

Stand down until we can integrate, and I'll recirculate.

Sorry about that!

Regards,

Mark

-----Original Message-----

From: Brian P. Hale-DNI- [mailto:(b)(3)]

Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 2:42 PM

To: Stroh, Mark E.; Timothy L. Barrett-DNI-; (b) (6)

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Subject: FW: (U) RE: First Draft - Executive Brief [~~SECRET~~, Record]

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Please see attached for the updated Joint Press Statement (b)(5)

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At this point, we consider this to be a near final version of the joint  
press statement, (b)(5)

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From: Sellitto, Michael P. [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Friday, December 23, 2016 3:20 PM

To: (b) (6)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Timothy A. Frederick-DNI- [mailto:(b)(3)]

Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 8:42 AM

To: (b)(6)

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Subject: First Draft - Executive Brief [~~SECRET~~, Record]

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Colleagues,

As promised, attached is a first draft of the executive brief that was

requested by Principals. (b)(5)

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Please review and provide input/comments by Tuesday, December 26 at 2pm.

Thanks,

Mike

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From: Brian P. Hale-DNI-

Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 9:44 AM

To: (b)(3); Robert Litt-DNI-; Deirdre M. Walsh-DNI-

Cc: Timothy L. Barrett-DNI-

Subject:FW: (U) Draft messaging language inputs [TOP SECRET, Record]

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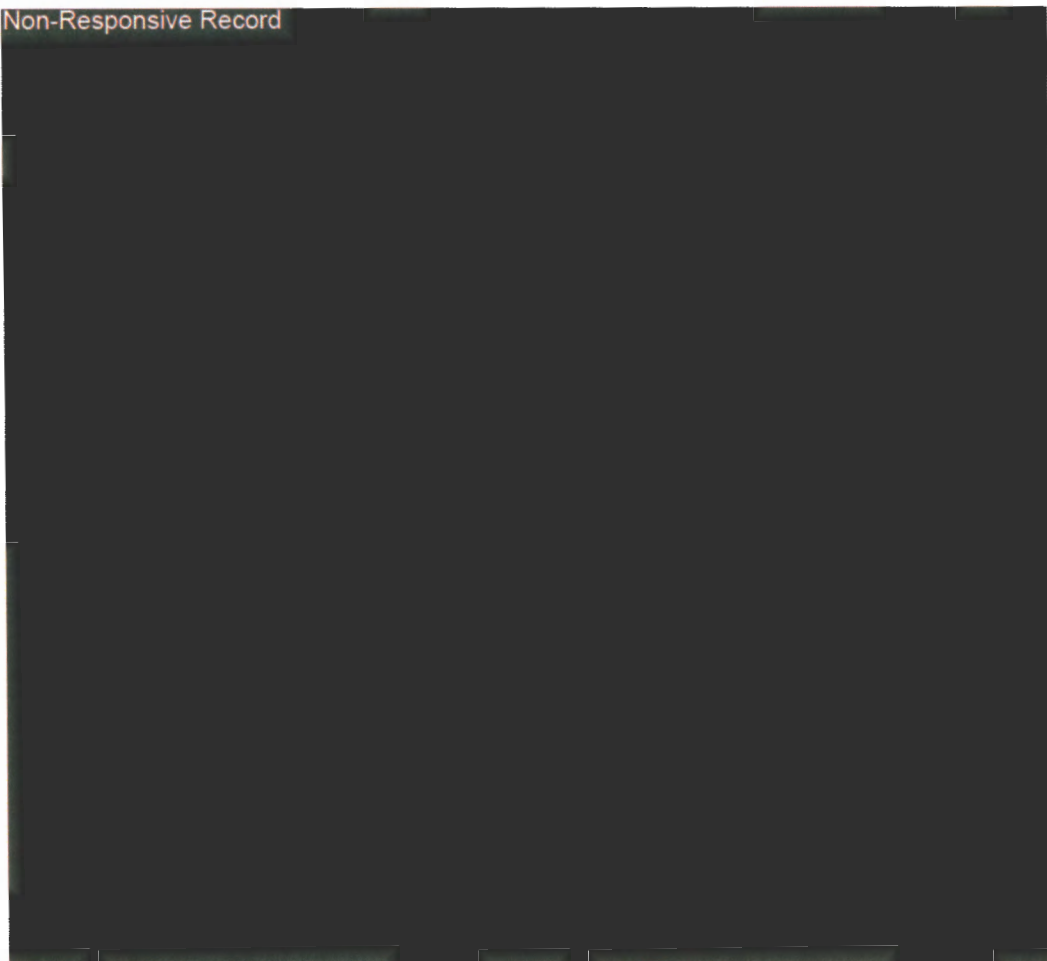
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From: Timothy L. Barrett-DNI-

Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 12:36 PM

To: Anton Michael EOP USA GOV <(b) (6)>

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From: (b) (6)  
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 9:21 AM  
To: Brian P. Hale-DNI-; Timothy L. Barrett-DNI-; (b)(3)  
Cc: (b) (6)  
Subject: RE: (U) RE: Please Review: Consolidated (b)(5) Press Statement [SECRET, Record] ---  
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DNI folks,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Stroh, Mark E. [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 8:46 AM

To: (b)(3)(b)(6)

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Subject: RE: (U) RE: Please Review: Consolidated (b)(5) Press Statement [SECRET, Record]

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Thank you!

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 8:32 AM

To: Stroh, Mark E.; 'Brian P. Hale-DNI-'; Timothy L. Barrett-DNI- (b) (6)

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Subject: RE: (U) RE: Please Review: Consolidated (b)(5) Press Statement [SECRET, Record] ---

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Sounds good. Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Stroh, Mark E. [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 8:27 AM

To: (b) (6) 'Brian P. Hale-DNI-'; Timothy L. Barrett-DNI-; (b) (6),  
(b) (6)

Subject: RE: (U) RE: Please Review: Consolidated (b)(5) Press Statement [~~SECRET~~, Record]

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(b) (6) nd others,

We need comments back by 12 noon. Sorry to have neglected to mention that last night.

Regards,

Mark

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 7:18 AM

To: Stroh, Mark E.; 'Brian P. Hale-DNI-'; Timothy L. Barrett-DNI-; (b) (6),  
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Subject: (U) RE: Please Review: Consolidated (b)(5) Press Statement [~~SECRET~~, Record] ---~~SECRET~~

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Thanks, Mark. What's the timeline for response? I've pushed up to our front office.

-----Original Message-----

From: Stroh, Mark E. [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 6:57 PM

To: 'Brian P. Hale-DNI-'; Timothy L. Barrett-DNI- (b) (6) (b) (6),  
(b) (6)

Subject: Please Review: Consolidated (b)(5) Press Statement [SECRET, Record]

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Colleagues,

Sorry for the runaround on this document earlier today. Attached is the most recent we have with edits from across the departments integrated, as well as with some tweaks from here.

Regards,

Mark

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 3:22 PM

To: Brian P. Hale-DNI-; 'Stroh, Mark E.'; Timothy L. Barrett-DNI-; (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Subject: RE: (U) RE: First Draft - Executive Brief ~~(SECRET, Record)~~ --- ~~SECRET~~

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Mark - Thanks for the add. I'll be tracking now. Do you have an ETA for when you'll have the new version out to chop?

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Brian P. Hale-DNI- [mailto:(b) (3)]

Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 3:14 PM

To: 'Stroh, Mark E.'; Timothy L. Barrett-DNI-; (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Subject: RE: (U) RE: First Draft - Executive Brief ~~SECRET~~, Record]

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Got it.

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From: Stroh, Mark E. [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 3:09 PM

To: Brian P. Hale-DNI- (b)(3); Timothy L. Barrett-DNI-

(b)(3)(b)(6)

Subject: RE: (U) RE: First Draft - Executive Brief (~~SECRET~~, Record]

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Brian,

That version reflects a bunch of edits that just came in via policy channels.

Stand down until we can integrate, and I'll recirculate.

Sorry about that!

Regards,

Mark

-----Original Message-----

From: Brian P. Hale-DNI- [mailto:(b)(3)]

Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 2:42 PM

To: Stroh, Mark E.; Timothy L. Barrett-DNI-; (b) (6);

(b) (6)

Subject: FW: (U) RE: First Draft - Executive Brief ~~SECRET~~, Record]

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We just got this alternate version that has been circulating within among other channels. Sending forward for your awareness.

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From (b)(3)

Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 2:28 PM

To: (b) (6)

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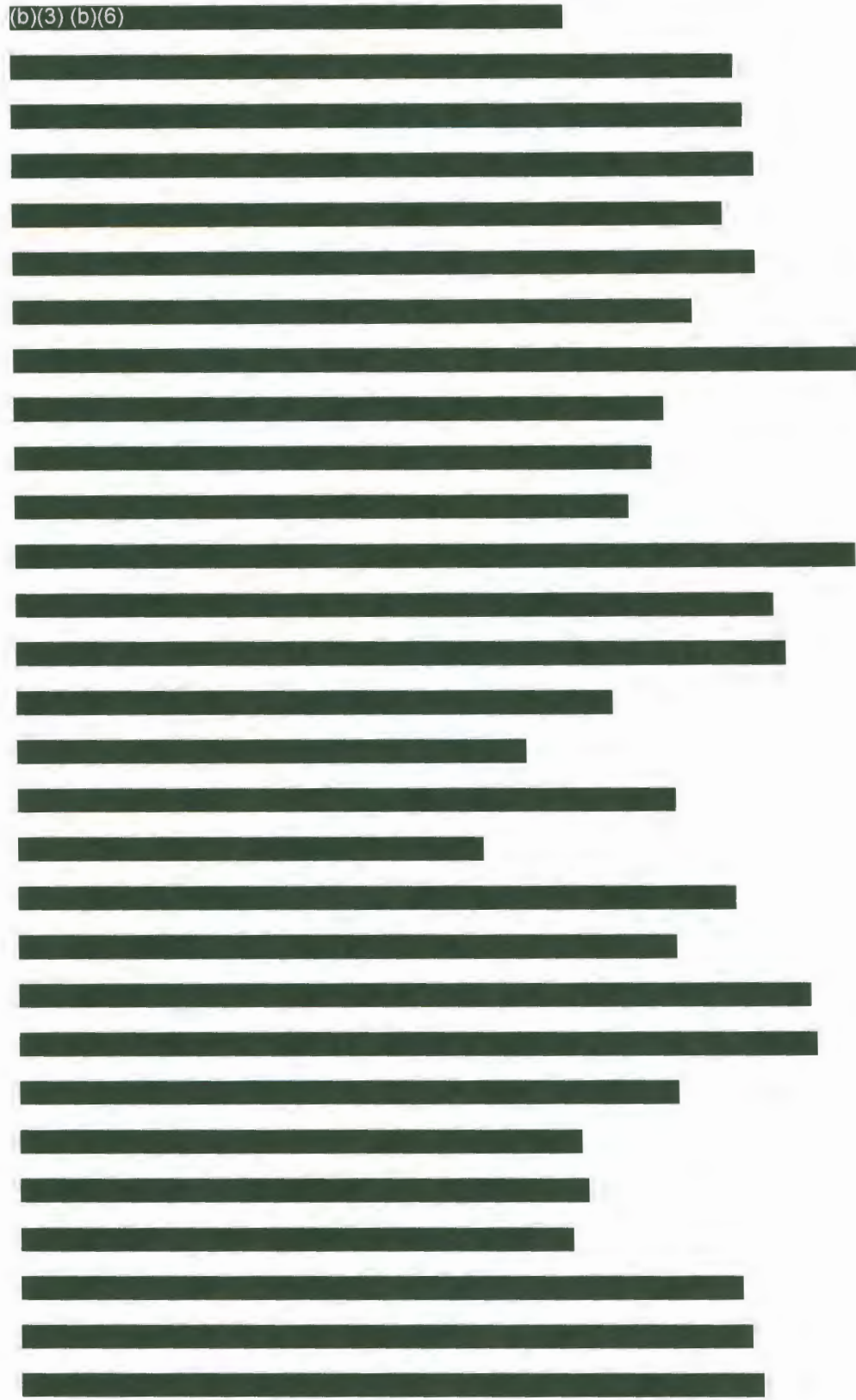
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Cc: (b)(3) (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: (U) RE: First Draft - Executive Brief (~~SECRET~~, Record)

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Attached is what ODNI proposes for this. (b)(5)

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Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Cyber Issues

(b)(3)




-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)



Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 10:04 AM

To: (b)(3)(b)(6)



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Much of what has been included in the draft (b)(5)

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For your second point specifically, our U/S feels strongly that we should

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(b)(3)

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From: (b)(3)

Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 8:42 AM

To: (b) (6)

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Cc: (b)(3)(b)(6)

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Subject: RE: (U) RE: First Draft - Executive Brief ~~(SECRET)~~, Record]

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Thanks (b)(3) looking better, but can we get some clarification on a couple points?

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Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Cyber Issues

(b)(3)



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From: (b) (6)









Sent: Monday, December 26, 2016 2:10 PM

To: Sellitto Michael EOP USA GOV <(b) (6)



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All,

Please see attached for the updated Joint Press Statement (b)(5)

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(b)(3)



-----Original Message-----

From: Sellitto, Michael P. [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Friday, December 23, 2016 3:20 PM



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From: Timothy L. Barrett-DNI-  
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 10:27 AM  
To: 'Stroh, Mark E.'; Brian P. Hale-DNI-  
Subject: RE: Quick clearance [~~SECRET~~, Record]

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From: Timothy L. Barrett-DNI-

Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 10:26 AM

To: 'Stroh, Mark E.' (b) (6); Brian P. Hale-DNI-

(b)(3)

Subject: RE: Quick clearance [~~SECRET~~, Record]

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Hi Mark,

We are waiting on a follow-up (b)(5) | (b)(5)

We would alter one line (b)(5)



In October, my Administration publicized our assessment that Russia took actions intended to interfere with the U.S. election process. (b)(5)

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From: Stroh, Mark E. [mailto:(b)(6)]

Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 8:14 AM

To: Brian P. Hale-DNI-(b)(3)

Timothy L. Barrett-DNI-(b)(3) >

Subject: Quick clearance [~~SECRET~~, Record]

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Gents,

Appreciate you all running a quick check on the two below passages (b)(5)

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(b)(5)

[REDACTED]

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Thanks,

Mark

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From: Stroh, Mark E. [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 9:26 AM

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(b)(3)

Subject: RE: Quick clearance [~~SECRET~~, Record]

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Guys,

One more Q and a we'd love if you could chase down.

Can we say this:

[REDACTED]

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From: Stroh, Mark E.

Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 8:14 AM

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